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Chairman Kevin J. Martin  
445 12th St. SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman:

As someone who is concerned about increased taxes and telephone fees, I oppose your plans to change the way monies are collected for the Universal Service Fund.

You are proposing a change in the Universal Service Fund (USF) collection methodology from a "pay-for-what-you-use" system to a "monthly flat-fee." The flat-fee system would result in forced phone bill hikes for me -- and for millions of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S. Shifting the funding burden of the USF away from high volume users -- like big businesses -- and placing the weight on low-volume users -- students, prepaid wireless users, senior citizens and low-income residential and rural consumers-- is unfair. I urge YOU to rethink this flat-fee plan. It is a de-facto tax increase of as much as \$707 million for 43 million of low-volume, long-distance users in the U.S.

Please pass along my concerns to Your Committee on my behalf, letting them know that I one of many who oppose a USF numbers or flat-fee plan.

This country of ours was founded by a lot of hard working people who were not rich. I am certainly not.

Election time is near. Have You given much thought about the real issues of the upcoming Campaign? I certainly hope You have. I will keep track of how this scenario with the phone tax plays out. Be sure it will count in an election year.

Thanks for using the good sense that I know you have.

Sincerely,

just a hard working citizen with a phone (at least for now.)

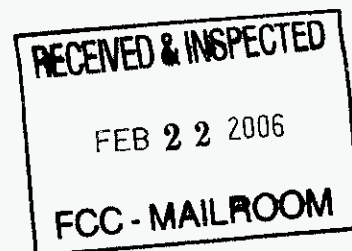
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February 8, 2006  
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Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Attn: Kevin Martin, Chairperson

Re: Universal Service Fund proposal for prepaid cellular phone users

Dear Mr. Martin:

I am asking you to please oppose the Universal Service Fund proposal hike for people like me who use prepaid cellular phones and make few long distance calls. I am on a fixed income and go out of my way to search for services I can afford. I don't have a fancy cell phone and cannot afford even the minimum package plans offered by cell phone providers which is why I chose a prepaid service plan. I use my phone for emergencies and for very short conversations.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. I along with millions of other consumers will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. I've already received a \$60 per month increase on my gas bill, \$40 per month increase on my electric bill, \$12 per year maintenance charge on my EZ Pass ... any more increases will suffocate me!

I found out about this proposal from the Keep USF Fair Coalition. I support this coalition and will continue to monitor this issue on their website.

I sincerely hope you will take everything I said into consideration when voting on this measure. Thank you!

Very truly yours,

*Louise Rocco*

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